THE JOCKEY CLUB
THOROUGHBRED SAFETY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION
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Recommendation: **Centralized Database for Data Collected during Post-Mortem Examination of Racing-Related Injuries**

Based upon testimony provided by regulatory officials at the Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summits, results of a survey conducted with regulatory veterinarians, and analyses of data contained in the Equine Injury Database, The Jockey Club's Thoroughbred Safety Committee calls for the development of a centralized database for data collected during post-mortem examination of racing-related injuries.

The primary objective of the post-mortem database will be to extend and mirror those of the Equine Injury Database including:

- identify the frequency, types and outcomes of fatalities using a standardized format to facilitate statistical analyses
- identify circumstances of increased risk of fatality
- serve as a data source for research directed at improving safety and preventing fatalities

The Thoroughbred Safety Committee has been encouraged by jurisdictions that have developed strong post-mortem programs in support of comprehensive post-mortem regulatory reviews conducted with trainers. The findings and conclusions from these efforts enhance the value of pre-race inspection protocols as a vital component in safety planning and injury mitigation efforts.

Working with key industry stakeholders, The Jockey Club is committed to assisting in the development of the post-mortem database. Similar to the development of the Equine Injury Database and the Rider Accident Database, The Jockey Club Technology Services Inc. and InCompass Solutions Inc. will assist in the development of the database.

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